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Dear Mr. Kehne:

Thank you for your letter of January 29, 2013 to Dr. J. D. Smith, concerning the potential disestablishment of the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) unit at Linganore High School in Frederick, Maryland and your request for an additional year, to October 2014, before a decision is rendered whether to close the unit. I am Commander, Naval Service Training Command, with cognizance over the NJROTC program. I understand the many challenges the Linganore unit has faced in recent years and appreciate the efforts that the school has made to increase enrollment.

Dr. Smith notified you on November 28, 2012 that the unit had been placed on probation and indicated that the Navy will, at the end of the current school year, evaluate your NJROTC unit's potential to reach minimum student enrollment requirements. In order for the Navy to make this evaluation, please provide as soon as possible but no later than May 1, 2013 your projected NJROTC enrollment figures for school year 2013-14. If your projected enrollment figures are less than 100 cadets, also provide your plan to attain the statutory minimum enrollment requirements by the beginning of the next school year. Send this information to the following address:


Naval Service Training Command
NJROTC Program
250 Dallas Street, Suite A
Pensacola, FL 32508-5268

Once this information has been reviewed, if, in the Navy's estimation, minimum enrollment will likely not be met at the beginning of school year 2013-14, the Navy will encourage your concurrence to disestablish the unit effective June 30, 2013. If the Navy determines that the unit likely will meet minimum enrollment standards, a decision regarding unit closure will be held in abeyance until actual enrollment numbers are taken in October 2013. If actual enrollment figures are less than 100 cadets in October, you will be notified of the Navy's intention to close the unit effective June 30, 2014. If the unit attains the required 100 cadets, it will be taken off of probation.

The NJROTC Area Manager, Area FIVE, Captain Robert Gumpright, U.S. Navy (Retired), is available to assist school officials and the Naval Science Instructors in their efforts to increase program enrollment. He can be reached at (757)445-2220.

If the Linganore NJROTC unit is closed, the school still has an opportunity to provide a course of citizenship development. The Navy has established a Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) program which provides qualifying schools the opportunity to conduct a course of training modeled after the NJROTC program. The principal exception between the two programs is that the NNDCC host school is responsible for the primary funding of the program to include instructor salaries, student uniforms, and daily operational expenses. The Navy will supply curriculum material, selected equipment, and the necessary forms and regulations. The NNDCC program may be a viable alternative for Linganore to consider. Approval of an NNDCC program by the Navy is also subject to available funding.

Thank you for your support of the NJROTC program.

Sincerely,

DEE L. MEWBOURNE
Captain, U.S. Navy